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FOR FROWICK FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. SECRETARY-CHNOUPEK "MEETING." SO FAR AS WE CAN MAKE OUT, THE SECRETARY BUMPED INTO THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER AT A RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY MAY 24 AND THEY EXCHANGED A FEW WORDS. CHNOUPEK ASKED TO CALL ON THE SECRETARY, WHO SAID HE WOULD CHECK HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO SEE IF HE HAD ANY TIME. BACK IN HIS SUITE, THE SECRETARY MENTIONED THIS ENCOUNTER TO GEORGE VEST AND ASKED WHETHER HE OUGHT TO SEE CHNOUPEK. GEORGE'S REPLY WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS NO NECESSITY FOR SUCH A MEETING. THE CZECHS WERE THEN INFORMED THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WAS COMPLETELY FILLED. NOTHING OF A SUBSTANTIVE CHARACTER WAS MENTIONED BY THE SECRETARY, AND WE BELIEVE THE CONVERSATION WAS NOT PROFOUND.

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2. CLAIMS/GOLD. TWO WEEKS AGO CONGRESSMAN MIKVA PROPOSED TO ME THAT STATE CONSIDER INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON ANY USG NEGOTIATING TEAM ON CLAIMS/GOLD. WE ASKED L TO LOOK INTO THE LEGAL/CONSTITUTIONAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL; THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE REVIEW, BUT IT APPEARS THEY WILL ARGUE AGAINST ANY FORMAL PARTICIPATION IN

THE NEGOTIATING PROGRESS WHILE LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF "OBSERVER STATUS" FOR THE HILL.

3. CLAIMS/GOLD - MERRIGAN PROPOSAL (STATE 111035). L IS ALSO DOING APPRAISAL ON MERRIGAN PROPOSAL WHICH APPARENTLY WILL CONCLUDE THAT IT IS BASICALLY NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER PROPOSAL TO VEST GOLD AND WOULD THEREFORE BE IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND INADVISABLE.

4. BREZHNEV SPEECH HIGH JINKS. WE, AND EVEN MORE SO ON THE 7TH FLOOR, VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BYRON'S FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE CALL YESTERDAY ON THE REPLAY OF BREZHNEV'S SPEECH. IT SURELY AVOIDED FURTHER QUESTION HERE IN THIS REGARD ON THE EVER-INTERESTING SUBJECT OF BREZHNEV'S HEALTH. VANCE

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